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POST-DISPATCH.

515 and 517 Market street.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1885.

How would it do to advertise for a candidate for Mayor on the Republican ticket?

The Ewing men are in favor of PARKER for Mayor. The Parker men are unanimous in support of EWING.

CLEVELAND takes his breakfast at 8 and reaches his desk at 9 to begin a day's work. This example will probably spread.

In answer to the bid of the St. Louis Gas Company offering to furnish gas at \$1 75, the Water Gas Company has put in a bid of \$1 30. Thus do we get nearer to bottom prices.

The only trouble in the local Democratic camp is that there are too many aspirants for the mayoralty. The only trouble in the Republican camp is that the aspirants don't aspire.

If Mr. PARKER's partners had had the kindness to make known the fact that they would prevent his running for Mayor they would have done a kindness to Mr. PARKER and to the public.

The last act of the outgoing Secretary of the Interior was to sanction a fraudulent land grant. The first act of the new Secretary was to place a Union soldier at the head of the Pennsylvania General.

KOHN, POPPER & CO. promise to vindicate the Fund Commissioners, and the Fund Commissioners promise to vindicate KOHN, POPPER & CO. But between them Missouri has lost, at the lowest estimate, \$151,025.

The gentlemen who undertook to defeat the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Ninth District last fall are having right hard work to try and pension their dilapidated politicians on the Federal Government now.

The change in Washington is already noticeable. There is an absence of elegant trousers, ruffled shirt fronts and kid gloves. These have been replaced by the strange and unfamiliar features of plain clothes, common sense and hard work.

The Fund Commissioners demand an investigation, and they certainly should be permitted to explain why they paid KOHN, POPPER & CO. some \$300,000 for buying bonds for the State, when they could have bought the same bonds as easily from others as from that firm, and at a lower price.

If the St. Louis Gas Company does not meet the Water Gas Company the city will be compelled to accept the proposition of the latter company, and then a blind man can see what will happen in 1890. The lion and the lamb will lie down together and the St. Louis lamb will be inside the Water Gas lion.

From some personal acquaintance with Mr. FAIRCCHILD, the new Assistant Secretary of State, we feel warranted in asserting that in his department the clerks will begin work before 11 o'clock and will finish considerably after. "There will be no less style about the office, but there will be considerably more business transacted."

We do not advise the Legislature to work for mere popularity, but when it can be at once popular and render a public service—it can do by passing the militia bill—it ought to do it. The sentiment outside of the Legislature is wholly in favor of the bill, and the action inside of the Legislature should be guided accordingly.

NOW, that the campaign is over, and the Republican party has no further use for him, MR. DOW has again renounced and denounced it as insincere in its professions of sympathy with the Prohibition movement. As usual, he will remain a strait out on Prohibition until another bargain can be struck for his services in rallying Prohibitionists to the Republican standard.

A PLEASANT anecdote of the St. Louis authoress is told to this effect: When, last week, DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES was introduced to Miss MURPHY at the Atlantic Monthly dinner, he exclaimed: "I will not believe this is CRADDOCK! I expected to see a stalwart fellow, ever so tall and ever so big. Why, my dear young lady, where do you carry your books?" "Under my lamp," was the prompt reply.

The citizens of St. Louis who have grown tired of the shuffling and "shamming" of EWING and PARKER and of PARKER and EWING, of the "swinging corners" and "change your partners" movements, exasperated with such grace and dexterity as the beautiful terpsichorean act of politics as performed by these gentlemen, will be glad to accept both of their resignations. The Republican ticket is left without a head, but as the Republican party has not had any brains of late there is no head. There is plenty of good material for a Mayoralty in St. Louis, and the withdrawal of the two leading candidates creates a splendid opportunity for an inde-

pendent movement with Republican support, for the first place on the ticket. This is the only chance of the Republicans. The weakest Democrat who can be nominated will be elected if his opponent represents any part of the faction fight of the Montagu and Capulets Committee. A strong Independent candidate with Republican support can beat any man who has yet been named on the Democratic side.

THE REPUBLICANS—which is nothing if not original—puts a notice of CHARLES EOBERT CRADDOCK as a tall-piece to its fashion column; supplementing an elaborate disquisition on spring bonnets with a patronizing mention of the newest light in American literature. The wonder is that it was not added as a postscript to the sporting notes of our most astonishing contemporary.

THE POST-DISPATCH being a peace-maker by profession as well as practice, hastens to thrust the olive-branch between its esteemed, but irreligious, contemporary, the *Globe-Democrat*, and Rev. DR. BOYD. If the savage attack of the former is met in a similar belligerent spirit, the result will be truly lamentable. We beg the representative of unsanctified journalism and the clerical champion of anti-Darwinism to hold their hands in this unhappy quarrel, and each allow the other to wag his unpleasant peculiarities in peace.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has instructed his private secretary to send all applicants for office to the heads of the several departments, and deny them admission to the presidential presence. This shrewd and sensible order will not only put the responsibility of appointments where it unquestionably belongs, but will save the Executive the intolerable worry and waste of time the old method involved. We are afraid, however, the President is preparing to make himself very unpopular with the "What-are-we-here-for" class of patriots.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL VILAS, it is said, insisted upon having a Justice of the Supreme Court to administer the oath of office, instead of the venerable clerk who has performed that service for forty years. He also insisted upon kissing his wife with great emphasis, immediately after the ceremony. It is to be hoped that Mr. and Mrs. VILAS are now happy, and that the former will at once proceed to nullify the unfavorable opinions of his sense and taste naturally generated by such a ridiculous inaugural exhibition of vanity and conjugal affection.

MR. JAY GOULD is universally admitted to be one of the smartest railroad men in the country, but it is hard to understand why Mr. GOULD cannot get along better with his men. The Pennsylvania Road seems to go along without trouble, the Baltimore and Ohio is not threatened with strikes; even Mr. VANDERBILT of the New York Central has reduced his dividends from 7 per cent to 4 per cent without reducing wages to the striking point. AS GOULD owns the Missouri Pacific stock, he cannot profit by any bear movement in that security, and altogether his recent policy is inexplicable. Any further extension of the strike would be even more regrettable, and a harmonious settlement of differences is desired on all hands.

THE only ex-Confederate soldier in the new Cabinet is LAMAR, who was detached and sent to Russia on a diplomatic mission before he had served two years. To offset him there is an Union soldier in the present Cabinet, which is one more than there was in the Cabinet of the late Republican Administration. Ex-Confederates have held offices under every Republican Administration since GRANT's election. Mr. HAYES had one in his Cabinet. The Democratic Union soldiers who had to stand out in the cold while Confederates like LONGSTREET, MORBY, MAHONE and KEY were taken in and made by Republican Administrations, are on top now, and that is what will grieve the Republicans more than the spectacle of ex-Confederates in office. LAMAR's first official act was to put the head of the Pension Bureau a Union soldier who served from the beginning to the end of the war, and who got so much lead in him that Congress voted him a special pension of \$100 a month for his sacrifices and his distinguished services. It was this appointment that brought from the Blaine organ the howl of "Three Confederate Brigadiers and only one Union soldier in the Cabinet." If LAMAR does not stop appointing Democratic Union soldiers, those same organs will soon be counting ENDICOTT and WHITNEY, as well as BAYARD and GARDNER, as Confederate Brigadiers.

THE defense of the Fund Commissioners, as foreshadowed by themselves, is the old and threadbare pretext which jobbers have always used for interposing a broker's syndicate and a margin of stealth between the State as a buyer or seller of the stocks and the competitive offerings of the open market. It is the gratuitous and false assumption that buyers of bonds will pay more for them to a broker than to the State which issues them, and that bond-sellers will sell cheaper to a broker buying in a retail way than to a wholesale buyer. We are told that the Stock Exchange quotations of actual sales of a State's bonds are no criterion of their market value; that, while many of them may be sold much lower, the highest quotation in open market is always below their real value, or the average price at which any considerable amount can be purchased. Therefore, to get bonds cheap, the State's agents must not take the name of women. Sailing ships are charmed in fair weather, but utterly unmanageable in a storm.

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MISS ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS is suffering severely from insomnia that her sensible physician recommends as a remedy her reading at night her own books.

FRANCY—one half of the American sailing ships bearing the names of women. Sailing ships are charming sights in fair weather, but utterly unmanageable in a storm.

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A CHICAGO girl, 100 paces on the result of the election and lost, but as the wager was made with another girl she hasn't had to pay it. They don't kiss each other when they can avoid it.

MISS CARINE LLORE of Indiana took the gold medal prize at the competition of the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, on Wednesday night. She was the only woman in the class of twenty-six graduates.

ONCE ONCE when Ben Johnson was about to ask grace at the table, his wife remarked: "Nay, husband, Mr. Johnson, and do not make a farce of thanking God

for a dinner which, in a few minutes, you will pronounce not eatable."

MRS. DAWSON, daughter of the senior Massachusetts Senator, is blonde, witty and volatile. Whenever she is, she usually has a circle formed about her in which the ready jest and merry laugh pass gaily round and round.

MRS. MARTA LINCOLN of Agawam, Mass., after the manner of the late Miss Myra Clark Gaines in New Orleans, persists in claiming a good part of the city of Bath, Me., which she always was owned by her great-grandfather, John Palmer.

"BRUCE," "brighty," "you bet," "I have to," "see you later," and other choice expressions are to be frowned out of use by the young ladies of Cleveland. They don't believe that the use of such language helps a girl to catch a good husband.

COUNTESS D'ASCHOT, wife of the Charge d'Affaires from Belgium, is a very handsome woman. She is intellectually bright, and sweeps into a room with a grand, superior air. She has a Roman nose, bright brown eyes, and a tall, elegant figure. Her presence is much sought for the gracing of social events.

MRS. ISABELLA BECHER HOOKER of Hartford, a sister of Henry Ward Beecher, has been wintering in Boston, and is about to open a series of conversational gatherings, promising as a special attraction that they shall be "after the fashion of Margaret Fuller's," presumably a long way after.

Cabinet Precedents.

From the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

John Adams, as mentioned at one time two months ago from Virginia, John Marshall, Secretary of State, and Charles Lee, Attorney-General, the weakest Democrat of all, President Jefferson, organized his Cabinet with two members from the Federalist State of Massachusetts, Henry Dearborn, Secretary of War, and Levi Lincoln, Attorney-General, and President Madison had two Pennsylvanians in his Cabinet throughout his second term, A. J. Dallas, Secretary of the Treasury, and Richard Rush, Attorney-General. John Tyler made up his Cabinet with Bibb and Whipple, both of Kentucky, in the Treasury and Post Office, and Polk had Walker in the Treasury and Cave Johnson in the Post Office, both hailing from Tennessee. Buchanan's reconstructed Cabinet contained two Pennsylvanians, Black and Stanton, and had Van Buren and McDonald, both of Indiana, in his Cabinet throughout his term. Lincoln had two Alabamians, Black and Stanton, of that same State, for Secretary of State and Secretary of War. Washburn declined, but in the Cabinet as actually constituted Massachusetts had two members, Boutwell in the Treasury Department, and Hoar as Attorney-General.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL GARLAND is the first representative Arkansas has ever had in the Cabinet.

There were over 300 letters found waiting the new President when he arrived in Washington.

T. S. ARTHUR, writer of numerous moral books, is reported to be lying at the point of death in his home in Girard street, Philadelphia.

JAMES WILLARD, an old resident of Putnam County, Mo., died last Saturday, the age of 105. He was a member of the family that gave birth to the famous Willard of Putnam.

HENRY W. BLAIR's regular term as United States Senator from New Hampshire came to an end on Wednesday, but Mr. Blair has been appointed by the Governor of that State to be Senator until a successor shall be chosen next summer.

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P. T. BARNUM stood up one hour before a committee in the Connecticut Assembly to protest against the incorporation of a street railway which will interfere with one in which he has a large interest. He is willing to furnish the greatest show on earth, but he won't give any show at all to a rail way railway.

O. L. PRUDEN has been retained by Mr. Cleveland as a member of the White House family. Mr. Pruden will be an associate to Col. Lamont. Gen. Grant accepted him as an associate of President Hayes.

"I am a son of the soil," said Mr. Pruden.

THE BURLINGTON Free Press says: "Adrian Hill, a poet, has offered to walk to the North Pole and back for a purse of \$3,000. Here is good chance for a good cause."

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GRAND ANNIVERSARY OPENING

TUESDAY, March 10th 1885.

We expect the People of St. Louis and Vicinity are heartily sick of seeing in the papers, week after week, the same old, stale rehash about Bargains and Bankruptcies, and will therefore hail, to-day, as REAL REFRESHING

BARR'S OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT!

WHICH GIVES ASSURANCE

FIRST- That nearly One Million Dollars' worth of New Importations and Purchases will be spread before the people;

SECOND- Of Goods bought and marked on a par with the Low Values now prevailing in Europe and the East;

THIRD- Of a DISPLAY TO ASTONISH AND PLEASE THE MOST EXACTING.

FOURTH- That the Old House is DETERMINED TO KEEP IN THE VAN, without bluster or falsification, and,

LASTLY- That a hearty welcome awaits all who will favor the House with a call on this, the ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR ENTRANCE upon the Occupation of the LARGEST and FINEST EXCLUSIVELY RETAIL DRY GOODS HOUSE IN AMERICA.

THE WM. BARR DRY GOODS COMPANY

WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE ALL AT

THEIR GREAT CENTRAL STORE,

Fronting on 6th Olive & Locust Sts

